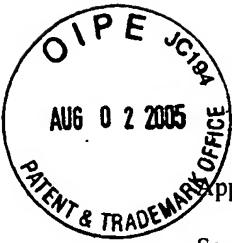


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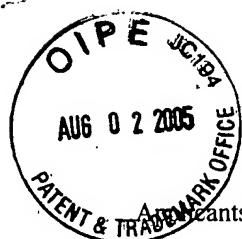
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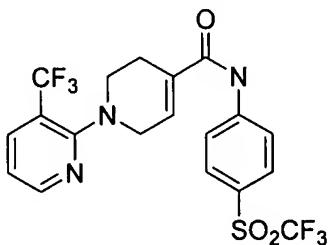
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Dear Sirs:

In response the restriction requirement dated 7 July 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group II (claims 2-15, 24 and 25). Applicants further elect the species of Example 43, page 90, for examination purposes. For the convenience of the examiner, the chemical structure and chemical name of Example 44 are reproduced below.



3'-(trifluoromethyl)-N-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]phenyl}-3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2'-bipyridine-4-carboxamide

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on all non-elected subject matter of the instant application.

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